

## Patent claims

1. A method for showing a list (LI) containing  
presence data (PD) on a display unit (A) on a  
5 first communication terminal (KEG1), where the  
presence data (PD) are held on a presence computer  
(PR), in which
  - a list generation device (LE) uses a retrieval  
message (ABN) to retrieve presence data (PD)  
10 from the presence computer (PR), the presence  
data relating to a predetermined selection of  
further communication terminals (KEG2, KEG3)  
which are associated with users,
  - the list generation device (LE) ascertains  
15 format data (FD) which are associated with the  
first communication terminal (KEG1) and which  
describe a data format which can be shown on the  
display unit (A) of the first communication  
terminal (KEG1),
  - 20 - the format data (FD) are used to condition the  
presence data (PD) such that a list (LI) is  
produced which has the displayable data format,  
and
  - the list (LI) is transferred to the first  
25 communication terminal (KEG1) for display on the  
display unit (A).
2. The method as claimed in claim 1,  
characterized in that
  - 30 - the format data are ascertained by virtue of the  
list generation device (LE) receiving a type  
information item (TYP) from the first  
communication terminal (KEG1), and
  - the type information item (TYP) is used by the  
35 list generation device (LE) to read the format  
data (FD) from a data store (S).

3. The method as claimed in claim 1 or 2,  
characterized in that
- the list generation device (LE) retrieves from  
the presence computer (PR), as presence data  
5 (PD), data which describe an opportunity for  
communication (SMS, MAIL, GAME) between the  
first communication terminal (KEG1) and the  
further communication terminals (KEG2, KEG3) at  
the time of retrieval.
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4. The method as claimed in one of the preceding  
claims,  
characterized in that
- the list (LI) is generated using list structure  
15 data (LSD), describing the structure of the  
list, which have already been transmitted from  
the first communication terminal to the list  
generation device (LE).
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5. The method as claimed in one of the preceding  
claims,  
characterized in that
- the list (LI) is stored in the list generation  
device (LE), and
  - 25 - if further list structure data (LSD') arrive  
after the time of storage then the list (LI) is  
adapted in line with these further list  
structure data (LSD').
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6. The method as claimed in one of the preceding  
claims,  
characterized in that
- the list generation device (LE) receives a  
selection message (AN) which is transferred from  
35 the first communication terminal (KEG1) and  
which contains information about the

predetermined selection of further communication terminals (KEG2, KEG3).

7. The method as claimed in claim 6,  
5 characterized in that  
- the list generation device uses the retrieval message (ABN) to transfer the information about the predetermined selection of further communication terminals to the presence computer  
10 (PR), which then ascertains the presence data (PD) about these further communication terminals (KEG2, KEG3) and transfers them to the list generation device (LE).
- 15 8. The method as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that  
- the presence computer ascertains the presence data (PD) by reading from a memory apparatus (SV).
- 20 9. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that  
- the list generation device (LE) creates charging  
25 data (VD) which relate to the list (LI) which has been transferred to the first communication terminal (KEG1).
10. The method as claimed in claim 9,  
30 characterized in that  
- the list generation device (LE) transmits the charging data (VD) to a first switching center (VST) in the first communication network (MFN1), and  
35 - this switching center (VST) then generates charge tickets (T) associated with the charging

data (VD) for the purpose of further processing in a charge credit device (PP).

11. The method as claimed in claim 9 or 10,  
5 characterized in that
- the list generation device (LE) sends the charging data (VD) to a service switching point (SSP) in the first communication network (MFN1), and
  - 10 - the charging data (VD) are then taken as a basis for debiting a charge sum from a prepaid account (GK) which is associated with the first communication terminal (KEG1).
- 15 12. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims,  
characterized in that
- the presence data (PD) are shown on the display unit (A) in the form of images (BD1, BD2, BD3,  
20 BD4) associated with the presence data, and
  - activation of an image (BD3) starts a communication program on the first communication terminal (KEG1) which allows communication between the first communication terminal (KEG1)  
25 and one of the further communication terminals (KEG2, KEG3).